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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joseph R. Kosack

Art Unit

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Period for Reply -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1,2 and 5-7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3,8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/5508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-3 and 5-9 are pending in the instant application.

Amendments

The amendment filed on June 22, 2009 has been acknowledged and has been entered into the instant application file.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 22, 2009 has been considered by the Examiner.

Previous Claim Objections

Claims 3 and 4 were previously objected to for containing elected and non-elected subject matter.

The Applicant has asked the Examiner to expand the search to encompass the entire scope of amended claim 3. The search cannot be expanded to encompass the entire scope of claim 3. Firstly, the claim contains subject matter from non-elected Group III. Secondly, the A1 group needs to be defined in order to define the core structure and to facilitate the search being done which does not run to completion when it is open as the Applicant asks for. Therefore, the search will not be expanded and the objection is maintained for claim 3. As claim 4 has been cancelled, the objection is withdrawn for claim 4.

Previous Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 3 recites the limitation "wherein A1 and X3 represent the same meaning as described above". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim

because claim 3 is an independent claim and it is not directed to refer to any other particular source (claim, specification, drawings) for the definition of A1 and X3.

The Applicant has made an appropriate correction and the rejection is withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 8, and 9 are objected to for containing elected and non-elected subject matter. The elected subject matter has been identified previously.

Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: the term OR in line 3, page 5 of the claims should be lower case and the claim is two sentences instead of one sentence. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 3, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 3 contains the limitation "substituents may be carried on the benzene ring, and the substituents may be connected mutually to form a ring." It cannot be determined by the Examiner as to which benzene ring that claim is describing, nor is there any definition for "carried" in the specification. Therefore, the metes and bounds of the claim cannot be determined and the claim is indefinite. As claims 8 and 9 are dependent off of claim 3, those claims are rejected as well.

Conclusion

Claims 3, 8, and 9 are rejected.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph R. Kosack whose telephone number is (571)272-5575. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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